Notice of Public Scoping Grazing Permit Renewals and Land Health Assessments

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The Kremmling Field Office is soliciting public comments on the following two topics: First, we would like assistance in prioritizing allotments for assessment of the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado for Fiscal Year 2007 livestock grazing permit renewals. Secondly, we intend to renew 6 livestock grazing permits/leases during Fiscal Year 2006. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment or renewal.

The assessment of public land health will be done on an allotment basis. During 2005, the Kremmling Field Office will be completing assessments for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado in North Park for Fiscal Year 2007 livestock grazing permit renewals.

Once the Kremmling Field Office receives the public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Public comments and other available information will be used by the Kremmling Field Office Inter-Disciplinary Team to complete the assessments for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado.

Following are the allotments and acreages identified by the Kremmling Field Office about which we are soliciting input for the Fiscal Year 2006 livestock grazing permit renewals.

Permittee/Lessee and Permit No.	Allotment Name and Number	Public Land Acres	County
Swift, Robert	07106	160	
# 051811	07104	170	

	07105 Manville	3170	Jackson
	Draw		
	07175 Walden Res.	2458	
DeLine Land &	07146 Ill R	160	
Cattle Co.	Rogerson		
#051807	07167 Stephens D	1240	
	07166 Stephens C	359	Jackson
	07164 Stephens A	1285	
	07088 House Place	136	
Taylor Creek			
Development	07758 Brown	520	Grand
# 050020			
Levis Land Co. Inc.	07081 Peterson	2860	Jackson
# 051720	Ridge		
Snider-Murphy	07521 Snider-		
Ranch	Murphy	437	Grand
# 051726			
Weinmeister, Ervin	07253 Grace Creek		Larimer
D. & Karen L.	Ranch	4013	
# 051911			

The Kremmling Field Office will also be completing National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of certain livestock grazing permit/leases. Since the level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments, and/or specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information is the more helpful and useful it will be.

An interdisciplinary team will rank the expiring permits into high and low priority categories based on public comments and other information available. The ranking will help determine the amount of consideration necessary and the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for reaching a decision on each livestock grazing permit renewal. The ranking will also help allocate resources to address concerns on a priority basis.

The following allotments will have a landscape health assessment in 2005 (field work) and the livestock grazing permits will be renewed in Fiscal Year 2007. The level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern. Your comments on these allotments are being sought.

Allotment Name and Number	Federal Acres	Permittee/Lessee and Permit/Lease Number	County
Tointon # 07044	3660	Tointon Ranches	Jackson

		# 051727	
Tointon # 07045	824	Tointon Ranches	Jackson
		# 051727	
Tointon # 07046	1060	Tointon Ranches	Jackson
		# 051727	
Tointon # 07073	1610	Tointon Ranches	Jackson
		# 051727	
Tointon # 07084	2035	Tointon Ranches	Jackson
		# 051727	
Meyring # 07111	1595	Meyring Livestock	Jackson
		# 051772	
Meyring # 07112	730	Meyring Livestock	Jackson
		# 051772	
Meyring # 07114	520	Meyring Livestock	Jackson
		# 051772	
Meyring # 07194	960	Meyring Livestock	Jackson
		# 051772	

If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested party on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in an assessment for compliance with the Standards for Public Land Health in Colorado, please contact the individual at the address above to be put on a mailing list. If you do not have specific comments at this time but have questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, contact the individual at the address above.